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SUBJECT: PLANNING AND EXECUTION OF AFGHANISTAN COUP

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1. AS A RESULT OF THE RECENT COUP THE INTELLIGENCE
COMMUNITY WOULD LIKE TO ASCERTAIN THE FOLLOWING:

A. WHAT CAUSED FEW ACTIVE AND RETIRED MILITARY OFFI-
CERS TO JOIN IN PLOTTING TO OVERTHROW MONARCHY? WE ARE NOT
PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN REASONS WHY A FEW MAY HAVE DE-
CIDED TO JOIN COUP AT LAST MOMENT, BUT RATHER WHY DID
PLOTTING START IN FIRST PLACE (LAST APRIL, ACCORDING TO
ONE REPORT)? WERE THESE OFFICERS MOTIVATED BY IDEOLOGICAL
CONCERNS, E.G., LACK OF DEMOCRACY, SLOW PACE OF MODERNIZA-
TION UNDER EXISTING SYSTEM; OR WERE THEIR REASONS MORE
NARROWLY PERSONAL, SUCH AS LACK OF PROMOTIONS OR DESIRE TO
EXERCISE POWER?

B. WHAT WAS DAUD'S RELATIONS TO THOSE WHO EXECUTED THE
COUP; DID HE GO TO THEM FOR HELP OR DID THEY SEEK HIS
LEADERSHIP?

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2. WHILE WE REALIZE SUCH INFORMATION DIFFICULT TO COME BY,

A MAXIMUM COUNTRY TEAM EFFORT IS REQUESTED WITH A RESPONSE
AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. PLEASE CITE C-CI-3-57456 IN YOUR REPLY.
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